

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 7 December 2005 at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town & County Building, 16 Broad Street, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Douglas Bennett, Brian Chadwick, Michael Glowacki, Bruce Watts, and Whiting Willauer. Chairman Glowacki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Announcements. Chairman Glowacki announced that former selectman Frank Spriggs is recuperating from knee surgery at Cape Cod Hospital and offered congratulations to Sergeants Brendan Coakley and Angus MacVicar of the Police Department on their recent promotions. He reviewed the evening's agenda and upcoming agenda items as well as the school committee budget calendar. The Board welcomed Town Administrator Libby Gibson.

Approval of Minutes of 30 November 2005 at 7:00 PM and 17 November 2005 at 4:00 PM. The Board approved the minutes of 30 November 2005 by unanimous consent. After brief discussion, Mr. Bennett moved to approve the minutes of 17 November 2005 as amended with the addition of a dollar sign on page 2. Mr. Watts seconded. So voted unanimously.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 4 December 2005. The Board approved the payroll warrant by unanimous consent.

Approval of Treasury Warrant for Week Ending 7 December 2005. The Board approved the treasury warrant by unanimous consent.

Town Administrator's Report.

1. FY 2007 General Fund Budget/Town Administration Recommendations (Finance Committee and School Committee Invited). Town Administrator Libby Gibson gave a presentation to include supplemental budget requests summary and recommendations, noting plans are to work with school committee and finance committee toward a balanced budget. She indicated that the hospital request should go to the contract review committee as other health and human services requests and that if recommended by the Board, should receive funds via that allowance. She advised the Board of budget books to come next week and reviewed Board goals, tying them into the applicable recommended supplemental requests and gave a status report on collective bargaining contracts. She reviewed capital requests as recommended by Town Administration, the Board of Selectmen and/or Capital Program Committee. Finance Director Connie Voges spoke on budget issues of note, including the Town's bond rating and Town reserves, health insurance, growth impacts, and the impact of no override. She mentioned a publication to be made available in the Town Administration office on Massachusetts communities and state laws for municipalities urging other revenue sources. Ms. Gibson gave concluding remarks and noted next steps, including an update of the budget timeline.

Chairman Glowacki gave thanks to department heads and school staff for being present, noting separate responsibilities and appreciation of school committee schedule coordination of timetables so Finance Committee can do work in a meaningful way. He sought clarity on school items, asking for any parallels between presentation of the school items and Our Island Home requests. Glenn Field commented on current figure projection for continuation of current staff levels. Discussion followed on work to do on school recommendation. Mr. Watts asked about overrides and possibility of continued practice, which Ms. Voges addressed. He commented on utility price increases and impacts. Mr. Willauer asked about drug testing that occurs and the digital orthophoto update, both of which Ms. Gibson explained. He asked about the Marine Department patrol boat and the tax bills levels, also addressed.

Chairman Glowacki noted inclusion of the contribution to the solid waste account. Discussion followed on deeds excise funds for the boat purchase. Mr. Willauer noted inflationary aspect and addition of items as two categories within the supplemental requests. Mr. Bennett noted high cost of island living. Chairman Glowacki asked for best snapshot from school committee for next week and Ms. Voges clarified request and a discussion followed on figures used. Mr. Bennett asked for balance budget option without an override. Discussion followed on fuel supplementals. Chairman Glowacki advised the Board to seek answers to any questions it might have, noting possibility of scheduling additional meetings if necessary. He welcomed comments from the Finance Committee and member Bruce Miller commented on the quality of the presentation.

2. Marine Department Operations Update. Marine Superintendent Dave Fronzuto gave an overview of all the coastal waters, history and current programs, revenue sources and projects of the Marine and Coastal Resources Department. Chairman Glowacki noted big projects of updating of harbor plan and renovation to town pier and asked about seven endangered species monitors. Mr. Fronzuto described responsibilities, some in line with federal laws. Mr. Chadwick noted education of public by beach monitors and asked about Brant Point building use, which Mr. Fronzuto answered. Mr. Willauer inquired about rental moorings. Mr. Fronzuto explained the Town's permit for rental mooring contract. Discussion followed on boat damage, grid systems and water sampling. He noted inquiries exist on the estuaries project, now at state level for work toward receipt by towns and a brief discussion about harbor plan funding followed. Discussion followed on whether there is a need for sonar equipment, scallopers' ages and sustainable fishery. The Board thanked Mr. Fronzuto. Dan Drake noted economic impact of the scallop industry being prepared by Dr. Sarah Oktay and asked about revenue for the department. He asked how much is restricted for specific purposes and Mr. Fronzuto answered.

Selectmen's Report/Comments.

1. Solid Waste Enterprise Account: Continuing Identification of Issues/Brainstorming Solutions. Chairman Glowacki noted invitation to the public for input and welcomed public and Board comment. Mr. Chadwick noted compilation of material in progress to yield an update of the rough draft of issues. He noted Waste Options' indication that a \$30 adjustment is possible as per actual costs. Discussion followed on freight boat purchase possibility to address issue of transporting material.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Approved the 14th day of December 2005.